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last to be forgiven, inasmuch as it may and often has happened that the Cowardice of a single Officer may prove the destruction of a whole Army. — The General therefore tho' with great Concern (and more especially as the transaction happend before he had the Command of the Troops) thinks himself obliged for the good of the service to approve the Judgment of the Court-martial with respect to Captain John Callendar who is hereby sentenced to be cashiered, & dismissed from all further service in the Continental Army as an Officer — The General having made all due enquiries and maturely consider'd this matter is led to the above determination not only from the particular guilt of Captain Calender, but the fatal consequence of such a Conduct to the Army and to the cause of America — He now therefore earnestly exhorts Officers of all ranks to shew an example of Bravery and Courage to their Men assuring them that such as do their duty in the day of battle as brave and good Officers shall be honor'd with every mark of distinction and regard, & their Names & merits made known to the General Congress and all America. While on the other hand he most positively declares that every Officer be his rank what it may who shall betray his Country, dishonour the Army and his General by basely keeping back and shrinking from duty in any engagement shall be held

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up as an infamous Coward and punish'd as such with the utmost martial Severity - & no connections Interest or intercessions in his behalf will avail to prevent the strict execution of Justice.

2. No Officer or Soldier posted on the Lines or for the defence of them on Prospect hill or Winter hill or elsewhere are upon any account to sleep out of their Encampment or leave it at Night - The Troops raised in New- Hampshire are particularly required to attend to this order from their particular circumstances of situation

3 No Soldier belonging to those parts or elsewhere to be suffer'd to straggle at a distance from their respective Parades on any pretence without leave from his Officers. as an unguarded hour may prove fatal to the whole Army and to the noble cause in which we are engaged, the importance of which to any Man of understanding must inspire every good Officer and Soldier with the noblest ardour and strictest attention least he should prove the fatal instrument of our Ruin.

4 The Adjutant General is required to make a return as quick as possible of the Troops in Cambridge their number and the duty they do.

5. Complaints having been made with respect of the bread as being sour and unwholsome, the Quarter Master General is hereby directed to enquire into the matter and report upon it. at the same time to inform the Bakers if any more complaints are made and they shall prove to be just they shall be most severely punished.

6. The General has great reason and is highly displeased with the negligence and inattention of those Officers who have placed as Centinels at the out Posts, men with whose Characters they are not acquainted – He orders that for the future no Man shall be appointed to those important stations who is not a Native of this Country or has a Wife and Family in it to whom he is known to be attach'd – this order is to be consider'd as a standing one and the Officers are to pay obedience to it at their Peril.

7 A Complaint of the most extraordinary kind having been made to the General that Soldiers enlisted in one Regiment have been seduced to reinlist into others by Agents employ'd for that purpose under the specious promise of money or leave of absence from the Army, a Procedure so subversive of all order, discipline and even the very existence of the Army

cannot be forgiven: the strictest orders are therefore given against such practices; and the General most earnestly declares that if any Agent or Soldier shall hereafter be found so offending he will punish them with the utmost severity.

8. A Regimental Court martial is ordered to sett tomorrow 10 Oclock A: M: on Samuel Bartlett of the Company late Capt. Callendars in Col. Gridleys Regiment, confined for abusive behaviour.

Head Quarters, Cambridge July 8th 1775.

By his Excellency General Washington.

Parole - Essex

Countersign. - Falkland.

General Orders.

1 Orders that the main Guard on no account whatever be without a drum, which is to beat to Arms on any alarm and follow'd by all the drums in the Camp on which every Officer and Soldier is to repair to their alarm Post.

2. The commanding Officer at Roxbury, Prospect hill, Winter hill, and Sewells Point to send expresses in case of an alarm to Head-Quarters with an account of the situation and movements of the Enemy.

Head Quarters - Cambridge - July 9th 1775.

Parole. Elsingham
Countersign. Watertown.

Officer of the day for Tomorrow. - . . . . Col: Brickett.
Officer of the main Guard . . . . . Major Brooks
Adjutant of the day . . . . . Gibbs.

The Continental Congress having been pleased to appoint Horatio Gates Esquire Brigadier General and Adjutant General of the Army he is to be obey'd as such and all orders transmitted thro' him from the Commander in chief whether written or verbal are to be punctually and immediately obey'd

The General (or in his absence the commanding Officer at Roxbury) to send a report every day in writing sealed up to the Commander in chief at Head Quarters in Cambridge of all the material occurrences of the preceding day, mentioning particularly all Arrivals of Ships and Vessels in the Bay, & what changes and alterations are made in the stations of the Men of War, Transports and floating Batteries. -

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Head Quarters - Cambridge 10th July 1775.

Parole . . . Frederick
Countersign . . . Gloucester.

Officer for the day Tomorrow . . . . . Col. Bridge
Officer of the Main-Guard . . . . Lt. Col. Robinson
Adjutant of the day . . . . . Fox.

The General Court-Martial of which Col. Wm Prescott was President, having tryed Wm Patten of Col. Gridley's Regiment ~~having~~ found him Guilty of threatning and abusing a number of Persons when Prisoner in the Quarter Guard - the Court sentence the Prisoner to ride the wooden horse 15 Minutes - the Genl. approves the sentence and orders it to be put in Execution at the head of the Regiment.

No non commissioned Officer or Soldier but such as are guilty of capital offences, to be confined in the main-Guard those guilty of crimes triable by a regimental Court martial to be sent to the Quarter Guard of their respective Corps.

Whenever a General Court martial is ordered it is expected that the Evidences and Persons by whom the Prisoners are confined do punctually attend to support the accusation as they will answer the contrary at their Peril.

Head Quarters - July 11th 1775.

Parole - Guilford
Countersign - Hartford.

General Orders.

The General understanding there is a bad custom prevailing of the Non Commissioned Officers and soldiers absenting themselves from Guard under a pretence of going for Provisions, It is therefore order'd that all Officers and soldiers bring their Provisions to the Guard they mount and on no pretence quit their Guard till it is regularly dismissed

Notwithstanding the order of the Provincial Congress some persons are so daring as to supply the Soldiers with immoderate Quantities of rum and other spirituous liquors - If any Sutler Tavern - Keeper or licenced Innholder shall presume after the date of this order to sell any Non-commissioned Officer or soldier any spirituous liquors whatsoever without an order from the Capt. of the Company to which such Non commissioned officer or soldier belongs he or they so offending may expect to be severely punished. -

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Head Quarters, July 14th 1775.

Parole — Halifax
Countersign. Inverness.

The General observing great remissness and neglect in the several guards in and about the Camp orders the officer commanding any Guard to turn out his guard immediately upon the near approach of the Commander in Chief, or any of the General officers and upon passing the guard the Commander in chief is to be receiv'd with rested Arms, the Officer to salute and the drum to beat a March — The Major Gen.l with rested Arms, the officer to salute; and the drum to beat two Ruffles — The Brigadier Generals with rested Arms, the officer to salute, and the drum to beat one Ruffle.

There being something awkward as well as improper in the General officers being stopp'd at the out Posts untill permission is asked of the Officer of the Guard before they can pass either in or out and it sometimes happens that such Officer is as much unacquainted with the persons of the Generals a the Private Men — This recommended to both Officers &

Men to make themselves acquainted with the Persons of all the Officers in general Command and in the mean while to prevent mistakes the General Officers and their Aid de Camps will be distinguish'd in the following manner. — viz.ᵗ

The Commander in chief by a blue ribbond wore across his breast between his Coat and waist-coat.

The Major and Brigadier Generals by a pink ribbond wore in like-manner.

The Aid de Camps by a Green-Ribbond.

Head Quarters. — Cambridge July 15ᵗʰ 1775.

Parole. Virginia
Countersign. Maryland.

Notwithstanding the orders already given the General hears with astonishment that not only soldiers but officers unauthorized are continually conversing with the officers and soldiers of the Enemy — Any officer, non commissioned officer, soldier or any Person whatsoever who is detected holding conversation or carrying on any correspondence with any officers or Centries of the advanced Posts of the Enemy will be immediately brot before a General Court-Martial and punished with the utmost severity — The General Alone is to judge of the propriety of any intercourse with the

Enemy and no one else is to presume to interfere.

Head Quarters at Cambridge — July 16. 1775.

Parole — Carolina

Countersign — Springfield

The Continental Congress having earnestly recommended that Thursday next the 20th Instant be observ'd by the Inhabitants of all the english Colonies upon the Continent as a day of publick fasting, humiliation, & prayer, that they may with united hearts and Voices unfeignedly confess their sins before God, and supplicate the all wise and merciful disposer of events to avoid the devastations and Calamities of an unnatural war — The General orders that day to be regularly observ'd by the Forces under his Command in manner exactly as directed by the Proclamation of the Continental Congress — It is therefore strictly enjoin'd on all officers and soldiers not upon duty to attend divine service at their accustom'd places of worship as well in the lines as in the Encampments and Quarters — And it is expected that all those who do go to Worship, to take their Arms Ammunition and accoutrements, and are prepared for immediate action if called upon.

If in the Judgment of the Officers the works should be in such forwardness as the utmost security of the Camp requires, they will command their Men to abstain from labour on that solemn day.

General Orders, Camp before Boston. – 18 July. 1775.

Parole – Wilmington.
Countersigns. Chester. . .

If after what has happened the Enemy in revenge for their late Losses should dare to attempt forcing our lines, the Army may be assured that nothing but their own Indolence and remissness can give the least hope of success to so rash an enterprize – It is therefore strongly recommended to the commanding Officers of Corps Guards and detachments that they be assiduously alert in paradeing their Men at their several Posts half an hour before day break and remain there 'till the commanding Officer thinks proper to dismiss them.

The General hears with astonishment the very frequent applications that are made as well by officers as soldiers for Furloughs. – Brave Men who are engaged in the noble cause of Liberty, should never think of remission

from the Camp whilst the Enemy is in sight and anxious to take every advantage any indiscretion on our side may give them. — The General doubts not but Commanding Officers of Corps will anticipate his wishes and discourage those under them from disgracefully desiring to go home untill the Campaign is ended.

Major General Putnam's Orders.

July. 19th 1775.

The Morning Gun is to fire regularly half an hour before day-break, the Troops then to turn out, and immediately Mann their alarm-Posts, and not before — The fatigue Men are not required to turn out till the Pioneers March is beat, then to parade immediately — One hundred Men properly officer'd to turn out at 2 O'Clock this Afternoon under Col. Whitcombe to gather Fascines.

Cambridge Head Quarters. July 20th 1775.

Parole .. Albany
Countersign .. Ticonteroga

Field Officer for the day Tomorrow ... Col: Brewer
Officer of the Main-Guard ..... Major Jackson
Officer of Fatigue ..... L.t Col: Nixon
Adjutant of the Day Tomorrow ... Hunt

Certain drummers in and near Cambridge very improperly beat the Reveller this morning before day — Altho' the troops are ordered to be under arms half an hour before daylight it does not follow that the ~~drums~~ drums are to beat at that time — The Reveller is to beat when the Centinel can see clearly one thousand yards ~~off~~ around him and not before.

Cambridge Head-Quarters. July 22. 1775

Parole. Nantaskett.

Countersign. Mississippi.

As regularity and due subordination are so essentially necessary to the good order and government of an Army that without it the whole must soon become a scene of disorder and confusion, the General finds it indispensibly necessary without waiting any longer for dispatches from the general Continental Congress immediately to form the Army into three grand divisions and of dividing each of those grand divisions into two Brigades — He therefore orders that the following regiments — viz.ᵗ Genᶜ Ward's, Genᵉ Thomas's, Col. Fellows's, Col. Cottons, Col. Danielson's and Col. David Brewer's compose one Brigade and be under the command of Brigadier General Thomas.

That General Spencers Col: Jarvis's Col. Learneds Col. Walkers, & Col. James Reeds Independencies compose another to be commanded by Brigadier General Spencer — That these two Brigades compose the right wing or division of the Army and be under the command of Major Gen. Ward and to remain at Roxbury and its southern dependencies. —

That Col. Starks, Col. Johns, Col Reeds, (New Hampshire) Col. Nixons Col. Mansfields, Col. Doolittles, (Massachusetts) be formed into another Brigade and be under the command of Brigadier General Sullivan and posted on Winter-hill.

That Col. Vernams Col. Hitchcocks, Col. Churchs (of Rhode-Island) Col. Whitcombes Col. Gardners, Col. Jonathan Brewers, (Massachusetts) be formed into another Brigade and be commanded by Brigadier Gen. Green and posted on Prospect-hill — And these two Brigades compose the left wing or second division of the Army under the command of Major General Lee —

That General Heath's, Col. Patterson's, Col. Learmond's, Col. Gerrish's Col. Phinny's & Col. Prescott's be formed into another Brigade and be commanded by Brigadier General Heath and posted

That General Putnam's, Col. Glover's, Col. Fry's, Col. Bridge's, Col. Woodbridge's, & Col. Serjeant's be form'd into another Brigade under the command of the senior officer there and untill the pleasure of the Continental Congress be known these two Brigades, be under the command of Major General Putnam as also a Corps de reserve, for the defence of the several Posts North of Roxbury not already named, — The arrangement now order'd to take place, and to be made as speedily as possible — and the Major Generals are to see it done accordingly.

Some Inconveniences may arise to certain Individuals, by this change, but as the good of the service requires it to be made an alert and ready compliance is expected.

All Applications, from henceforward, by officers and soldiers, for leave of absence are to be made to the Major Generals, commanding each division, who is to judge of the propriety of the application and grant Furloughs when they see cause without applying to the Commander in Chief, provided it be not contrary to general orders, —

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Cambridge, Head-Quarters, July 23d. 1775.

Parole.... Brunswick

Countersign.... Princetown.

As the Continental Army have unfortunately no Uniform and consequently many inconveniences must arise from not being able always to distinguish the commanding officers, from the Non commissioned and the Non commissioned officers from the Privates; It is desired that some badges of distinction may be immediately provided — For instance, the Field officers may have red or pink colour'd Cockades in their hats, the Captains yellow or buff, and the subalterns, Green, — They are to furnish themselves accordingly — the Serjeants may be distinguished by an Epaulett or Strip of red-cloath sew'd upon their right Shoulder. the Corporals by one of green.

The People employ'd to make spears, are desired by the General to make a dozen of them immediately 13 Feet in length — The commanding Officers of the different works and Forts are once more enjoined to furnish

themselves with a sufficient number of Gabions, and Fascines, which are to stop up the entrances of their respective redoubts and lines and to repair their works which may either be damaged by the weather or fire of the Enemy — It is observ'd that several of the entrances of the redoubts are still left open without any sort of defence, the commanding officers of each redoubt are therefore to cut a wide ditch at the entrance and throw a bridge of strong Plank across this is to be done without delay.

Head-Quarters at Cambridge July 24th. 1775.

Parole — Salisbury
Countersign — Cumberland.

General orders,

It being thot proper to distinguish the Majors from the Brigadier Generals by some particular Mark; for the future, Major Genl. wear a broad purple ribbond in manner as directed by the orders of the 14th Instant —

The Generals are frequently stopp'd by the Centinels, which can only happen from the Captains having neglected to have the orders read to their respective companies — If any Genl. Officer Aid de Camp or Majr. of Brigade is again stop'd thro' the ignorance

of the Centinels the Captain will be considered as responsible —

As any attempts the enemy from their late disappointments may have the rashness or hardiness to make, will be violent and sudden; the Genl. expects the Officers and soldiers will be not only resolute but alert to defeat them, and in a particular manner he enforces his orders to every Field-officer upon no account duty excepted to lay out of the Camp but upon every occasion to shew by their example that activity and steady Courage which are necessary to defeat an enterprizing Enemy.

Notwithstanding the orders of the Hd. Qrs. strictly expressly forbidding all officers and soldiers from quitting their Guards before they are regularly relieved and dismissed, the Genl. is informed that such unsoldier like practices are still committed — he therefore admonishes all Officers and Non commissioned officers not suffer any to quit their Guards on any pretence —

It being represented that the present Hospital is not large enough to contain the sick — Lt. Governor Oliver's house is to be cleard for that purpose. and care to be taken that no Injury is done it

Head Quarters. Cambridge July 27th 1775.

Parole Bedford — Countersign Gilford.

For the future when any deserters come to any of the out Guards they are without the least delay to be sent by a Corporals Guard to the next Guard in the Lines who is immediately to escort them in the same manner to the Major General commanding that division of the Army who as soon as he has examind them will forthwith send them under a proper escort from his Guard to the Head — Quarters.

Head Quarters, Cambridge July. 30th. 1775.

Parole Essex — Countersign Dublin

William Tudor Esq. being appointed Judge — Advocate of the Continental Army, he is in all things relative to his office to be acknowledged and obeyd as such. — The drummers and Fifers in and about Cambridge are ordered constantly to attend the drum and Fife Majors at the usual time for instruc-
tions. —

Head Quarters — Cambridge Aug. 1. 1775

Parole Gibralter — Countersign Fairfield

The General thanks Major Tupper, — and the officers and soldiers under his command, for their gallant and soldier-like behaviour in possessing themselves of the Enemy's post at the light-house and for the number of Prisoners they took there, and doubt not but the Continental Army will be as famous for their mercy as their valour.

Cambridge, Head-Quarters Aug. 2. 1775

Parole Halifax. Countersign. Geneva.

Capt. Oliver Parker of Col. Prescotts Regiment try'd by a general Court-Martial whereof Col. Glover was President for defrauding his Men of their advance pay, and by false returns imposing upon the Commissary and drawing more rations than he had Men in his Company and selling the Provision he by that means obtain'd is by the Court found

guilty of the whole charge against him, and sentenced to be cashier'd mulcted of his pay and render'd incapable of all service. — Capt.n Christopher Gardiner of Col: Varnam's Regiment in the Rhode-Island Brigade tryd by a general Court Martial whereof Col.o Church was President for deserting his Post — He is found guilty of the Crime and unanimously sentenced to be cashier'd as incapable of all service in the Country in a military capacity — The General approves both the above sentences and orders the commanding officers of the Regim.ts to which the Prisoners belong to dismiss them from the Army.

Cambridge Head-Quarters, Aug.t 3.d 1775.

Parole-Ireland . . Countersign-Hartford

When any plunder is taken from the Enemy not excepted by the Continental Articles of war such plunder must all be deliver'd up to the commanding officer as soon as convenient after his arrival at Head Quarters — Publick notice must then be made that an auction will be held at the head of the encampment for the sale thereof the next day at noon. and the money arising therefrom is to be equally divided amongst the officers & Men that

took it.— This order is not to be considered to extend to unlawful and irregular plundering as any officer or soldier who shall be found guilty thereof shall be punished with the greatest severity.

Cambridge Head Quarters Aug. 5th 1775.

Parole. Westminster.. Countersign Richmond

General Orders.

For the establishment of good order, & to prevent disputes between Officers as well as for fixing a regular and proper distribution of Commissions, from the Continental Army, part of which are already arrived from the Congress, and the rest hourly expected, it is ordered that a meeting of the Field officers of each Brigade be held tomorrow Morning at 10 O'Clock who are to chose by ballot one out of the body to represent them in forming a Court for the adjustment and final settlement of — first, the Ranks of the Regiments in the Continental Army and numbering each Regiment accordingly — as all differences and distinguishments are now to be laid aside the Regim.ts of the several Colonies that form the Continental

Army are to be considered no longer as separate but as Part of the whole Army of the united Provinces. — Secondly. — The rank of the Field officers of all the Regiments forming the Continental Army — Thirdly. — The rank of all the Captains and Subalterns and the Staff Officers — and as doubts may arise which cannot be determined by the six Field officers so chosen by ballot, they are hereby directed to choose by ballot one Brigadier General who is to proceed as Moderator of the Court — for finally settling the rank of all the Corps and all the commissioned officers that compose the Army of the united Colonies, this Court being duly constituted and appointed as to sit on Monday Morning next at Dr. Jones's in Cambridge.) —

Cambridge Head-Quarters — Aug. 8th 1775.

Parole. Portsmouth. Countersign — Northumberland.

It has been intimated to the General, that some officers under pretence of getting furloughs for Men recovering from sickness send them to work on their own Farms, for their private emolument; whilst at the same time the Publick is taxed for it — These insinuations being publickly made the General is unwilling to believe that any officer can be

so lost to all sense of honour as to defraud the Publick in so scandalous a Manner and the General at present pays no regard to such insinuations — but doth, declare, that he will not shew any favor to an officer who shall be found guilty of any such iniquitous practices but will do his utmost endeavours to bring them to exemplary punishment and disgrace due to such Mal-conduct —.

Head Quarters. Cambridge Aug. 9th 1775.

Parole. Rochester — Countersign — Plymouth

As there are several Vacancies in the different Regiments, if there are any particular Gentlemen who signalized themselves in the Action on Bunkers-hill by their spirited conduct and good behaviour and of which sufficient proof can be advanced to the General he will in filling up the Commissions use his utmost endeavours to have them appointed in some office if not commissioned.

Capt. Ballard of Col. Frye's Regiment tryed by the late General Court-Martial for profane swearing and abusing his Men is to pay a fine of 4/ for each offence.

Capt. Jesse Saunders of Col. Serjeants Regiment tryd by a general Court Martial for drawing more Provisions than he had Men for forcing the Centry and taking away his Gun threatening the life of Serjeant Connor and cocking and presenting his Gun at him is found guilty of the whole charge brot against him. The Court adjudge him to be forthwith cashiered — The Genl. approves the same and orders it to be put in execution forthwith

Head — Quarters. — Cambridge Aug. 10. 1775.

Parole. School-hill — Countersign — Richmond

General Orders.

It is a matter of extraordinary consequence and Concern to the General to find that at a time when the united Efforts of America are exerted in defence of the common rights and liberties of Mankind that there should be in an Army constituted for so noble a purpose, such repeated Instances of Officers, who lost to every sense of honor and virtue are seeking by dirty and base Means the promotion of their own dishonest gain, to the eternal disgrace of themselves and dishonor of their Country — practices of this sort will never be overlooked whenever an accusation is lodged but the Authors brot to exemplary [illegible]ishment. — It is therefore much to be wishe

that the example of Jesse Saunders, late Capt.n in Col. Serjeants Regim.t will prove the last shameful Instance of so grovling a disposition — That for the future every officer for his own honor and for the sake of the injured Publick will make a point of detecting every iniquitous practice of this kind: using their utmost endeavours in their several Capacities to lessen the expence of the war as much as possible, that the great cause in which we are struggling may receive no Injury from the enormity of the expence.

The Commander in chief has been pleased to appoint Stephen Moiland Esq.r Muster-Master General — to be considered and obey'd as such.

Cambridge Head-Quarters, Aug. 13. 1775.

Parole Williamsburgh — Countersign Torrington

A General Court-Martial to sit Tomorrow Morning to try Col.o John Mansfield of the Massachusetts Forces accused by three of his officers of high Crimes and misdemeanours — One Brigadier General, & 12 Field Officers to compose the Court.

Cambridge, Head-Quarters — Aug. 14th. 1775.

Parole — York. Countersign — Yarmouth

Major Thomas Mifflin is appointed Quarter Master Genl. to the Army of the united Colonies — he is to be obeyd as such.

David Hinly Esq. is appointed Brigade Major to General Heath's Brigade — John Trumbull Esq is appointed Brigade-Major to General Spencer's Brigade, Richard Carey Esq. is appointed Brigade-Major to the Brigade commanded by the Eldest Colonel — Daniel Box and James Scamwell Esqrs are appointed to the duty of Brigade-Majors to the Brigades they respectively belong — Edmund Randolph and Geo: Bailey Esqrs are appointed Aid de Camps to the Commander in chief — all and every of the above named Gentlemen to be obeyd in their respective capacities.

Head Quarters. Cambridge Aug. 17th. 1775

Parole Exeter — Countersign, Falkland

All duties of honor begins with the eldest officer of each rank and duties of fatigue with the Youngest.

Each Major of Brigade will forthwith fix on a proper spot as near as can be to the Center of the Brigade for a general Parade where all Parties with or without Arms are to be regularly paraded and march'd off in the presence of the Major of Brigade and the General expects that the Majors of Brigade are not only alert but exact in performing this duty

The Court Martial ordered for the tryal of Col. Mansfield to sit tomorrow morning at 8 O'Clock at the College Chapple for the tryal of Col. Gerrish — all Evidences and Persons concern'd to attend

Head Quarters Cambridge Aug 19th 1775.

Col: James Gerrish of the Massachusetts forces, tryed by the General Court-Martial of which Brigadier General Green was President is unanimously found guilty of the Charge exhibited against him - viz. That he behaved unworthy an Officer & is guilty of a breach of the 19th Article of the Rules and regulations of the Massachusetts Army — The Court therfore

sentence and adjudge the said Col. Gerrish to be cashiered and rendered incapable of any employment in the American Army. — The General approves the sentence of the Court Martial and orders it to take place immediately. —

Head Quarters, Cambridge Aug 20th 1775.

Parole Lebanon — Countersign — Mansfield

In obedience to the orders of the 5th Instant the Brigadier Genl. and Field officers chosen by ballot have made report to his Excellency the Commander in Chief of the fenial settlement of the ranks of all the Regiments and officers of the united Colonies — The General entirely approves of the proceedings of the Brigadier Genl. and Field officers and thanks them in this public manner for the great care and pains they have taken in establishing a point of so much importance to the Army. — His Excellency strictly commands all officers and soldiers to pay all due obedience to the regulations so established — The Adjutant General will deliver to each Major of Brigade this day at orderly time a Copy of the ranks of the

Regiments, of the Field officers, and of the officers of every Regiment in their respective Brigades.

Regiments	Lieut.t Colonels.	Majors.
1. Frye's	1 Nyman	1. Poor
2. W. Thompsons...	2 Tyler	2 Clarke
3. Reed's	3 Hand.....	3 Browne
4. Learnard	4 Glaveland	4 Holman
5. Nixon	5 Mc Duffee	5 Jackson
6. J. Brewer.	6 Hutchinson	6 Wilson
7. Stark	7 Shepherd	7 Putnam
8. Fellows	8 Moulton	8 Prentice
9. D. Brewer* (*cashiered)	9 Nixon	9 Magaw.....
10. Prescott	10 Holden	10 Green* (*resigned)
11. Poor	11 March	11 Sawyer
12. Varnam	12 Alden	12 Smyth
13. Parsons	13 Eager	13 Tilley
14. Hitchcock.	14 Putnam	14 Angell
15. Church	15 Cornel	15 Tupper
16. Cotton	16 Babcock	16 Sprout
17. Little	17 Pitkin	17 D. Wood
18. Danielson	18 Stores	18 Sherban
19. Mansfield (cashiered)	19 Smyth	19 Buttrick
20. Reed - of Oxbridge	20 Clapp	20 Auston
21. Glover	21 Bond	21 Cady
22. Walker	22 Gilman	22 M. Wood
23. Whitcombe	23 Brickett	23 Cudworth
24. Doolittle	24 Robertson	24 Danielson
25. Woodbridge	25 Read	25 Leonard
26. Patterson	26 Baldwin	26 Lee
27. Bridge	27 Hayes	27 Collins
28. Serjeant	28 Buckminster	28 Hall
29. Huntingdon	29 Leonard	29 Brooks
30. Scammon	30 Miller	30 Stacy
31 Phinney	31 Whitney	31 Mitchel
32. Ward.	32 Johonnot	32 Johnson

Regiments.	Lieut^t Colonels.	Majors.
33 Willey's . . . (Spencers)	33 Brown's	33 Loring
34 Stone's . . . (Putnams)	34 Douglass	34 Meigs
35 Bailey . . . (Thomas's)	35 Durkee	35 Jacobs
36 Greaton . . (Heath's)	36 Thomson	36 Bigelow
37 (late Gardner's)	37 Enon	37 Moore.
38 (late Gerrish)	38 Mitchel	
	39 Vose	
	40 Barnes.	

Head Quarters, Cambridge. Aug. 24th 1775.

Parole. Tunbridge - Countersign. Ulster.

Lieut. Wm Ryan of Col. Nixon's Regiment tryed by the Gen. Court Martial of which L.t Col. Brickett was President is found guilty of a breach of the 6th and 19th Articles of the rules and regulations for the Massachusetts forces & is unanimously adjudged to be cashier'd - The General approves the sentence and orders it to take place immediately. -

The Commander in Chief has heretofore approved of all the sentences of the General Courts-Martial which have been laid before him and thought himself happy in agreeing with them in opinion, so will he not now disapprove of the Judgment respecting Ensign Jonathan Foster, as the Court have intimated that they were influenced by some

favorable circumstances — Disobedience of orders is amongst the first and most atrocious of all military crimes. — He desires the conduct of Ensign Jonathan Easton however he may have been provoked may never be drawn into a precedent as there are certain modes by which inferior Officers may obtain redress of Grievances without proceeding to any unjustifiable acts of violence — Ensign Jon. Easton of the 30th Regimt. of Foot in service of the American Colonies commanded by Col. Scammon, tryd by a general Court Martial for offering to strike his Colonel and for disobedience of orders is found guilty of a breach of the 8th Article of the rules and regulations of the Massachusetts Army and sentenced to be confined to his tent three Days.

Head-Quarters, Cambridge Sept. 11th 1775.

Parole Lancaster. Countersign Middleton.

Ensign Levi Brown of the 9th Regiment of Foot in the Continental Army tryed by a general Court-martial for absenting himself from his Regimt. without leave. The Court find the Prisoner guilty of the Crime laid to his

charges and do therefore sentence him to be cashier'd -

Col. Thompson's Battalion of Riflemen posted upon Prospect-hill to take their share of all duty of Guards and fatigue with the Brigade they encamp with

Head-Quarters, Cambridge - Sep. 15th 1775.

Parole.. Pittsburg ... Countersign ... Ulster.

Colonel John Mansfield of the 19th Regiment of Foot tryd by a general Court Martial whereof Brigadier General Green was President for remissness and backwardness in the execution of his duty in the late engagement on Bunker's hill - The Court find the Prisoner guilty of the Charge & of the breach of the 19th Article of the rules and regulations of the Massachusetts Army and therefore sentence him to be cashiered and rendered unfit for service in the Continental Army - The General approves the sentence and directs it to take place immediatly. —

Capt. Eleazer Lindsey of Col. Gerrish's Reg. tryd by a General Court-Martial for absenting himself from his Post which was attacked and abandoned to the Enemy - The Court on Consideration are of opinion that Capt. Lindsey be discharged the service as a Person improper to continue in a Commission.

Regimental, standing Orders by Col. Thompson.
Aug. 15th 1775. — Prospect-hill.

The Rifle-Companies to turn out and exercise Morning and Evening regularly —

That a subaltern officer be the officer of the day for each day — Lt. Miller of Capt. Dowdle's Company to be the officer of this day. —

That a subaltern officer attend the drawing Provisions each day the same are issued.

A Commissioned Officer, a Serjeant, Corporal, drum, and twenty Privates to mount Guard each day.

Regimental Orders, Sept. 13th 1775.

Col. Thompson orders and directs every officer to make strict inquiry, and if possible, discover and report to him the names of those Men who were guilty of riots and other Crimes of a very atrocious Nature, to the great disgrace of the Rifle-Battalion — and the Col. will discharge every such offender, whom neither the love of Liberty, his suffering County or his duty can restrain; and send them back to the County they have so much disappointed by their bad behaviour: where they

may expect to be treated as infamous betrayers of their Country during their lives. — An Officer from each Company to attend at Roll-calling and examine the Arms and make report of the Guns that are out of order that they may be put in repair as soon as possible, and also examine that every soldier has at least thirty Bullets and if one has a greater Quantity of Powder than another to have it equally divided —. Col: Thompson acquaints the officers and soldiers of his Battalion that they are not to leave Gen: Greene's district to which they belong without his leave in writing; agreable to the General orders of this day. —

Head-Quarters, Sep. 16th 1775.

Parole.. Wilmington - Countersign - York.

James Finley, Serjeant in Capt.n Spries Company of Riflemen, tryed by a general Court Martial for expressing himself disrespectfully of the Continental Association and drinking General Gage's health — The Court sentence the Prisoner to be deprived of his Arms and accoutrements put in a horse-cart with a rope round his Neck, drummed out of the Army and rendered forever incapable of serving in the Continental Army.

Major General Lee's orders,
Sept. 19th 1775.

General Lee having discoverd that several Men are absent from the detachment of Artillery on Prospect hill on Furloughs granted by their Colonel — and such Proceedings being directly contrary to General Orders, Genl. Lee is determined for the future not only to proceed against all Officers who grant such Furloughs; but every Person who shall be absent without a furlough signd by the General himself shall be deemed a deserter — punished accordingly —.

Head-Quarters, Cambridge — Sept. 21. 1775

Parole Hanover — Countersign Ipswich. —

Whereas frequent applications are making to the Commander in Chief by Officers of all ranks and denominations for an additional allowance of rations which are not only necessary but usual and customarily allowed to them — The General has thot proper to order and direct that from the 1. of July last there be issued by the Commissary General the following Proportion of Rations. — viz.

	Ration		Ration
To Each Major General . . .	15	To Each Major	4
Brigadier Genl. . .	12	Captain	3
Colonel	6	Subaltern and Staff;	2
Lt. Col.	5		

Head-Quarters, Cambridge Sept. 22d. 1775.

Col.o Stokes of New-Hampshire having complain'd that thro' mistake or inadvertency in the Court which was appointed to settle the ranks of the Regiments and Officers of this Army he had not justice done him even upon the principles which they themselves had laid down for their government in that matter — The Gen.l orders that the Brigadier Gen.l & six Field-Officers who composed that Court do sit Tomorrow Morning at 9 O'Clock to enquire into the cause of this Complaint — At the same time if Col. Doolittle who has also expressed some dissatisfaction on account of his Rank can urge any thing new to the Court he may be heard.— The Court are desired likewise to settle the ranks of the Officers of the Rifle-Companies posted at Roxbury.

John Geo. Frazer Esqr being appointed Assistant to the Quarter Mr Gen.l for the district of Prospect and Winter-hills he is to be obey'd as such. —

Gen.l Green's Orders.

Capt. Martindale to have liberty to draw 30 Men out of the Rhode-Island Troops for a secret expedition. —

To parade tomorrow Morning at six O'Clk —

Head - Quarters, Cambridge Sep. 24th 1775

Parole Quebec. - Countersign. Richmond.

Major Scarborough Gridley tryd by the general Court Martial whereof Brigadier Gen. Green was President for being deficient in his duty upon the 17th of June last, the day of the Action on Bunkers-hill - The Court find Major Gridley guilty of a breach of orders, they do therefore dismiss him from the Massachusetts service, but on account of his inexperience and youth and the great confusion which attended that days transaction in general; they do not consider him incapable of a Continental Commission should the Gen: officers recommend him to his Excellency - The General confirms the dismission of Major Gridly and orders it to take place immediately.

Head - Quarters, Cambridge Sep. 25th 1775.

Parole. Sandwich. Countersign - Truro.

As Applications to the Major Generals for Furloughs have become very frequent and troublesome and taken up much of their time, the following Method of granting them is for the future to be observed and under no

pretence whatsoever to be dispensed with - untill further orders on this head. - viz. - The Col. or commanding Officer of each Regiment when they find it really requisite and not else have permission to give furloughs to the Non commissioned Officers and Soldiers of the Reg.t they respectively command: Provided they do not suffer more than two Privates to be absent at any time from a Company and not more than one Non commissioned Officer - nor allowing any Person to be absent from his duty more than twenty days in 6 Months - In extraordinary cases a further Indulgence may be given by the General of Brigade upon application from the Col: - All commissioned officers are to apply for leave of absence thro' their own Col. or Commanding Officers to the General of Brigade to which they belong; who is desired never to suffer more than one Field-Officer and four others to be absent at any one time from a Regiment nor for more than twenty days in 6 Months - In extraordinary cases a further Indulgence may be given by the Major commanding each division upon the application of the Brigadiers of such division. -

The Committee have settled the ranks between Col. Stark and Col. Jonathan Brewer. - The Gen: desires the Colonels

of the Regiments No. 6, No. 7 and No. 8 will immediately apply for continental Commissions for the officers of their respective Corps, and that the three next Regim.ts in succession will apply Tomorrow Morning and so three every Morning Afterwards untill the whole are serv'd. —.

General Green's orders.

Two hundred and fifty men for Plow'd hill - 300 fatigue Men to be drawn immediately to finish the works in the Valley.

Gen: Greens orders. 27.th Sept. 1775.

The Lines to be manned to day exactly at twelve o'clock by his Excellency Gen. Washington's order. — The Drum-Major in the Rhode-Island Regiment will beat to Arms and the other drums of the several Regiments to beat to Arms at the same time. — The Troops to be marched to their alarm Posts by Companies upon a quick march — Every Man except the Centries at the Marquises to attend at the lines are desired to be full main'd —

Gen. Green's orders of 30.th Sept. 1775.

Col: Bond's Regiment has the Lower Lines assigned them at the foot of Prospect-hill for their alarm-Post - Col. Varnum's the Citadel - Col. Church's the right of the long Lines Col. Hitchcock's the Center and Col. Whitcomb the left - Col.o Thompsons the Curtin of communication - Col Brewers the right of the Lunch - Fort a left hand redoubt - Col. Little's the left hand of Col. Bragg's Regim.t &c —.

The Main-Guard to consist of 1 Captain 3 Subalterns, 3 Serjeants 3 Corp: 1 drum 1 Fife and 100 Privates. — White house Guard to consist of 1 Capt. 2 Subalterns, 2 Serj.ts 2 Corporals 1 drum 1 Fife and 50 Privates — Cobble-hill Guard of 1 Subaltern 1 Serj.t 1 Corp. and 24 Privates, — The lower Piequett-Guard to be placed at the Barn near the Commons and to consist of 1 Subaltern 2 Serj.ts 1 Corporal & 24 Privates, to be formd into 2 Relieves — To be very watchful and not suffer themselves to be surprized by falling asleep. — All Guards to make a return to the Field Officer of the day and to turn out when the grand rounds visit them. — The Field officer of the day to see that the Guards are all compleat agreable to this detail — This in no case to be dispensed with — The Piequet-Guards at the Barn and Cobble-hill at gun-firing in the Morning to repair to the white house guard and there remain till the flag hoists. —.

Head Quarters, Cambridge Octot 2.d 1775

Parole Malden. Countersign. Norfolk.

Any Non commissioned officer or soldier who shall hereafter be detected playing at foot-ball, hitch, hustle, or any other game of Chance in or near the Camps or Villages for raising on the Regiments, shall without delay be confined and punished for disobedience of orders. — The General does not mean by the above order to discourage

sports of exercise and recreation, but only to discountenance and punish Gaming. —.

Ensign Proctor of Capt. Fletchers Comp.y in Col. Doolittles Reg.t tryd for absenting himself from his Reg.t from the 9.th of Aug. to the 27 Sept. following. The Court find the Prisoner guilty of the charge and order him to be mulcted one Months pay for his offence. — Dr. Isaac Porter is to take the direction and superintendency of the General Hospital untill further orders, and is to be obeyd as such during that time. —.

Head Qrs. Cambridge Octob. 7.th 1775.

Parole Oxbridge Countersign. Williamsburgh

Lt. Col. Abijah Brown tryd at a general Court Martial whereof Col. Hitchcock was President for endeavouring to defraud the Continent in mustering two Soldiers he the same time employd in working upon his Farm. — The Court having duly considered the Evidences are of opinion that the Lt. Col. is not guilty of any fraud in endeavouring to have Harrington Clerk mustered in the manner he did, but the Court are of opinion that Col. Brown is guilty of employing Harington for fourteen days

and Clerk for eighteen days out of Camp for his own business.
yet are inclined to think it was done rather thro' Ignorance
than a fraudulent Intent and therefore judge that
he be fined £4 lawful Money for the offence — The Gen.
orders Col. Brown to be released as soon as he has paid
his Fine to Dr. Foster Director of the Hospital who will
apply it to the use of the sick under his care — The
General hopes the Stigma fixed upon Col. Brown
by the above sentence will be a sufficient warning to
all officers not to be guilty of the like offence, especially
as the General is confident no general Court Martial
will for the future admit a plea of Ignorance in a
case of so atrocious a Crime — The Court Martial of
which Col. Hitchcock was President is dissolved —.

Head Quarters, Cambridge 8th Octo. 1775.

Parole. Yarmouth — Countersign. Stanboy.

For the future the Adjutant General will send the Parole
and Countersign under a sealed cover by an orderly Ad-
jutant at Head-Quarters to the Majors of Brigade
Scamwell, Box, Carey and Hindley, who in the Evening
at gun firing and not before are to deliver the Parole
and Countersign to the Adjutants of the several Brigades.
The Adjutants are first are first to deliver the Parole and
Countersign to the officers of the Advanced Guards, then

& the officers of the Guards in and near the Camp and then to their commanding officer of course.—
The Adjutant at Roxbury will receive every day at orderly time the Parole and Countersign in a sealed Cover directed to the Commanding General at Roxbury who will observe the same order and time of delivering them to the officers of his Encampment as is directed to be done here.—

Head. Quarters, Cambridge Octob. 9th. 1775

Parole "Bedford" Countersign. "Cork".

If any Negroes are found straggling about the Camp or about the bounds or Villages near the Encampments at Cambridge or Roxbury after darke they are to be seized and confined till Sun rise in the Guard nearest to the place where such Negroes are taken up.— Gen: Green's orders.

The White-house Guard to consist of 1 Capt. 6 Subalterns 6 Serjeants 6 Corporals & 98 Privates. the Cobble hill guard & lower Picket at the Barn to be detached from this Guard.— The detail of each Guard as herefore be regularly relieved once in two hours.— One Subaltern to be taken from the Main Guard

Head - Quarters, Cambridge Octob. 10th 1775.

Parole. "Dartmouth." Countersign "Essex."

The officers of the Rhode-Island Regiments are requested to furnish Capt. Martindale with a Party for a Sea Expedition; if a sufficient number cannot be got out of those three Regim.ts the Colonels and officers of the other Regiments in General Green's brigade are desired to supply the remainder. —

Head - Quarters, Cambridge Oct: 12th 1775

Parole Kennebec. Countersign, Lebanon.

Lieut. Richard Woodward of Capt. Gridley's Comp.y and in Col. Gridley's Regim.t of Artillery try'd at a general Court martial whereof Col: Woodbridge was President for Cowardice on the 17th. of June last and for Mutiny. — The Court were unanimously of opinion that the charge of Cowardice on the 17th. of June last is fully supported against the Prisoner and are also unanimously of opinion that the Prisoner is guilty of Mutiny, and of a malicious, vexatious, & groundless

accusation of Capt. Gridley, at a late general Court-Martial. — The Court therefore unanimously adjudge the Prisoner Lt. Woodward to be cashiered & rendered incapable of serving in the Continental Army.

Prospect Hill. Oct. 13th 1775

Regimental Orders.

For the future the whole Regim.t to parade together at Troop beating in the morning and at the beating of the retreat in the Evening when the Rolls of the Companies are to be called and reports to be made of their state thro the proper channel to the Commanding Officer. The orderly Serjeant of each Company will see that the men are in their respective tents and the lights put out every Night at eight o'Clock and make report, & ~~make report~~ to the Serjeant Major of the Absentees or Irregularities if any there be. — The Men for Guard will parade with their Arms the others without — The orderly Corporals to keep a List of the Names of

the Artificers, and the men on fatigue each day, as they are excused from roll calling whilst at work. — all the Subaltern officers off duty will attend morning and Evening at roll-Call to see that the men are clean & sober. — No Soldier to appear on the Parade with a dirty face or hands or uncomb'd hair on pain of being punish'd for disobedience of orders. — Whenever the Regim.t parades the men will form a Line of three deep in the street opposite the Colonels Marquise.

Head-Quarters Cambridge Octob: 14.th 1775.

Parole Mansfield. Countersign Norfolk.

The General has seen and approves of the sentence of the general Court Martial held on Lieut: Woodward of the Artillery & orders it to take place, & commands Lt. Woodward to be dismissed the Camp immediately.

Head Quarters, Cambridge Octob: 21.st 1775

Parole "Franklin." Countersign "Lynch"

The Officers of Col.o Gridleys Regim.t & Major Crane's Corps of Artillery who are inclined to engage in the

the service of the united Colonies for one year from the day of the expiration of their present term of service are to deliver in their names and the rank they now posses to the Adjutant General tomorrow Morning at 10 Clock. — such as disincline to remain any longer in the service to give in their Names also and their Reasons for their thus declining. —

Head - Quarters. Cambridge Oct. 22. 1775

Parole. "Harrison". Countersign. "Cook".

The Deputies from the honorable Continental Congress having arrived at this Camp in order to confer with the General, the Govr. of Rhode-Island and Connecticut & the Council of the Massachusetts-Bay and the President of the Congress of New-Hampshire on the continuing an Army for the support and defence of America and its Liberties, all officers who declene further service of their Country and intend to relire from the Army at the expiration of their present service, are to signify their Intentions in writing to their Col: which he

to deliver to the Brigadier General or commanding officer of his Brigade. — Those brave men and Patriots who are resolved to continue to serve and defend their Privileges & Properties are to consider themselves engaged to the last day of December 1776. unless sooner discharged by the honorable Continental Congress and will in like manner signify their Intentions. — These returns to be made on Wednesday next.

Head-Quarters, Cambridge. 23d Oc: 1775

Parole. "Hancock" Countersign. "Cushing."

Col: David Brewer of the 9th Regim. of Foot tryd at a general Court-Martial whereof Brigadier Gen. Thomas was President, for procuring a Lieutenant's Commission for his Son, an inexperienced Boy of 16 or 17 years of age, and returning him as in publick service from the 24th of April last & drawing his pay for the Month of August, during all which time, the said Boy was at home in his Father's service contrary to the repeated remonstrances of the officers of the Regt. And also for making a return to the Committee for Supplies for a larger number of Blanketts than

were requisite for said Regim.t - and also for taking the men from the publick service in the Army, and employing them about his own private business in labouring on his Farm. - The Court Martial aforesaid on mature consideration are of opinion that the two last Articles of the accusation are supported fully against the Prisoner, and therefore unanimously adjudge that Col. David Brewer be dismissed the service.

The sentence approved of by the General.

Head - Quarters, Cambridge Octob. 23. 1775.

Parole "Rutledge" Countersign "Gadsden".

Otway Byrd Esq.r is appointed to act as Aid de Camp to Major General Lee during the absence of Sam.l Gryffin Esq.r and is to be obey'd as such. -

(Gen.l Lee's Orders.)

Gen.l Lee has great reason to be dissatisfied, in that, contrary to former Orders, the officers of the Flag of Truce Guard were set to man the breast work in the Morning - It is the General's positive command that for the future the

Breastworks at that guard be mand at Gun-firing.— No excuse for neglecting it will hereafter be admitted.—

Head-Quarters Cambridge, Octob.r 26th 1775.

Parole, "Cambden." Countersign "Burke."

As several of the officers have not yet signified their Intention respecting the requisition contained in the order of the 22d Instant, and as the nature of the case will admit of no delay, the Gen.l directs that every officer in the Army do forthwith declare to his Col.o or commanding officer of the Regim.t to which he belongs whether he will or will not continue in the service till the last day of December 1776. if the Continental Congress should think it expedient to retain him so long.— This declaration must be made in explicit Terms, and not conditional as the Congress are to be advised thereof immediately. in order that proper steps may be taken to provide other officers and other Men if necessary.—. The times and the Importance of the great cause we are engaged in, allows no Room for hesitation or delay, when Life Liberty and Property are at stake, when our Country is in danger

of being a melancholy scene of bloodshed and desolation, when our Towns are laid in ashes and innocent women and Children driven from their peaceful habitations, exposed to the rigour of an inclement season, and to the hands of Charity perhaps for support — When Calamities like these are staring us in the face and a brutal, savage Enemy, more so, than was ever found in a civilized Nation are threatening us and every thing we hold dear, with destruction from foreign Troops, it little becomes the Character of a Soldier to shrink from danger and condition for new terms, —. It is the Generals intention to indulge the Officers and Soldiers, who may compose the new Army with Furlow, to be absent a reasonable time, but it must be done in such a manner as not to injure the service or weaken the Army too much at once. — The Gen. also thinks he can take upon him to assure the Officers and Soldiers of the new Army, that they will receive their Pay once a month regularly after the terms of the present Enlistment are expired. —.

Orders by Major General Green.

Camp at Middle Brook, May. 26th 1777.

Brig.r General of the day, Muhlenberg.
Field Officers. Lt. Col. Hubley & Major Hay.

Brigade Orders, by Br: Gen.l Scott

The Brigade to parade every morning at 6 o'Clk and every afternoon at the same hour for exercise & the whole of the Officers will attend this most necessary duty. — The Brigade Major will fix upon proper ground for this purpose. —

May. 20th. 1777.

To give a general alarm the following signals are to be observ'd. — Three Cannon fired quick, one after another in front of Gen. Wayne's Brigade in the gap of the Mountain, to be answer'd by three at the park of Artillery in the Center of the front line; upon which all the troops are to get under arms as soon as possible. —

Brigade Orders, May 30th 1777.

A necessary roll to be made, and an account taken of all the cloathing, arms, ammunition & accoutrements in each regim.t immediately; which necessaries the commanding officers of Regim.ts will cause to be shewn to the Orderly Officer of each company, every Saturday afternoon at 4 O'Clk on the Brigade Parade.

Agreable to a standing order any Soldier found shooting, in or about the Camp without leave in writing from a field Officer, he is to be taken before a field Officer who will order such offender ten lashes without further Inquiry. — The General expects the strictest attention will be paid to all orders & would be very unhappy to be obliged to repeat them.

Orders, by His Excellency
General Washington
May 30th 1777.

The Commissary General to adopt every means in his power to provide Vinegar for the use of the Army. — Provision is to be delivered

to Regimental Quar: Masters only, or to commissiond Officers appointed for that purpose when the Regim. has no Quar. Mas. — In case of small detachments a non commissd Officer may receive them. — . none to be delivérd without proper returns being made to the Commissary. — The commanding Officers of Corps are to take care that their men are always furnishéd with two days Provisions beforehand. — The General has the pleasure to acquaint the army that General Parsons formd an expedition to the East end of Long-Island under the command of Lt Col. Meigs. which was attended with the most happy success. — After burning 11 Vessels loaded with one hundred & twenty tons of prest forage, rum, and other Articles, & one armd Vessel of 12 Guns they brot off ninety prisoners & killed several of the enemy. — . As the army is now collected and may soon be engaged in important transactions, the General takes occa-

sion to declare to both Officers and men, that he will be strictly observant of their conduct and make a point of rewarding those who distinguish themselves by Bravery & good behaviour: and as merit will not pass unnoticed so inattention and remissness in duty will meet with the severest Punishment.

The commander in Chief directs that the whole army be ready to march by 4 o'Clock tomorrow morning, their tents struck, all the baggage loaded & the men under arms. — It is expected that the 2. M. G. and Com.y General will have every thing belonging to their respective departments ready to move at the same time. — Brigadeirs commanding Brigades and commanding Officers of Regiments and Corps are to pay strict attention to see that all officers and men are in camp and well supplied with ammunition.

Head-Quarters, May 31st: 1777.

A principal design of the movement this morning was to see whether a proper distribution of baggage-waggons had been made

to the several Regim.ts and with what degree of alertness and expedition the army could be ready to march on a sudden emergency. - The Gen.l has much reason for approbation in many, but there was great exactness in some instances. - He wishes however that a greater punctuality to the time had been more generally observed.

Every officer of reflection must be sensible of the necessity of a strict regard to the time fix'd for movements of this kind, upon the success of which events of the utmost importance may absolutely depend: And it will be expected in future that a precise conformity to the movements pointed out will mark the conduct of every Corps. -.

The General earnestly recommends, that Officers of every rank will disencumber themselves of all superfluous baggage, as it will only serve to employ a number of waggons that can't be spared consistent with the good of the service, and must be lost in the course of the campaign. —. Nothing

is more common than to hear men plead Ignorance of general orders in excuse for a breach of them.

To prevent it in future, the General positively orders the commanding Officers of Corps to have general orders constantly read to the troops under their command; & they may rely upon being called to a severe account should the same plea be made hereafter.

Supported by Truth, it is lamented that the foolish & scandalous practice of swearing is exceedingly prevalent in the American Army. — Officers of every rank are bound to discourage it, first by their own examples and then by punishing the Offenders. — As a means to abolish this and every other species of Immorality, Brigadiers are to take effectual care to have divine service duly performd in their respective Brigades. —

The Brigades on the right and left of the Camp are to establish small Guards of one Sub. & 10 Men, in all passes leading to the Camp

in order to prevent Soldiers from straggling and the Country-People from coming into Camp - no Countryman to come into Camp without permission from the next Brigadier or Field-Officer. - All persons in Camp who cannot give a satisfactory account of themselves are to be confined and reported to the nearest Brigadier

Head-Quarters, 1 June 1777.

The General directs the following rules be invariably observ'd throughout the Army, and as he apprehends they will meet with great obstacles in the carelessness and indolence of some officers, He thinks it necessary to declare that he will not overlook any neglect or breach of them that shall come to his knowledge. - Each Regim.t to parade at Roop and Retreat beating, the rolls carefully called and absentees punish'd &c. - All Officers not on other duty to attend the Parade, to see that their Men are clean and decent, their arms & accoutrements in order, their ammunition compleat; & that they behave well in the ranks

are silent, steady and orderly.- Once a day, at such time as the Brigadier shall judge most convenient each Corps to be exercised in the manual & evolutions.- Once a week at least each Brigade to be exercised collectively, under the direction of its' Brigadier - The most essential part of discipline being marching and forming; this should be more particularly practised.- All Officers not on other duty to be present on these occasions, not as unconcern'd Spectators but to learn and perform their own duty, and to see that the men do their's.- Regiments to be exercised by the Field Officers themselves & in their absence by the Captains, not leaving it to Adjutants as has heretofore been the case.

It is necessary that men should be accustomed to the voice and command of those who are to direct them in action, and that they by practice should acquire a facility in doing their Part.- The General observes with concern that both Officers and Men are guilty of the unsoldierlike Practice

of straging from camp, - He forbids the continuance of it on any pretence whatever. - whoever shall be found one Mile from Camp unless on duty or with permission of the B.Gen.l commanding the Brigade, whether Officers or Soldiers shall be tried for disobedience of orders. - As there is a necessity for the army to rise and turn out every morning at reveille beating all lights must be put out at 9 Clock in the evening, and every man repair to his tent. - The Provost-Martial to patrole the Camp & its Environs frequently to take up all who cannot give a good account of themselves. & see that Sutlers dont deal out their Liquors at an untimely hour. but conform to the rules that have been established for their regulation. -

Head-Quarters, June. 2d. 1777.

The Muster Master Genral is without loss of time, to cause musters to be made of the whole Army, - He will give notice to the different Corps when to hold themselves in readiness for that purpose. - Each Regim.t or

Corps to appoint by rotation a regimental Officer of the day, whose Province shall be to visit the Sick and see they are provided for & taken care of — They are to make daily reports to the commanding officer of their number and condition, to inspect the food of the Men both as to quality and the manner of dressing it; obliging them to accustom themselves more to boild Meats and Soups and less to broiled & roasted, which as a constant diet is destructive to their health. — This Officer is likewise to attend chiefly to the cleanliness of the camp, for which he will be answerable, & is bound to see that there is no Neglect in the L. Mas.r or Camp-colour-men

Returns of all the Sick in each Corps both in and out of Camp to be made tomorrow morning to the Surgeon General, specifying their number, condition, & where they are.

The commanding Officers of Corps not yet provided with Pay-Masters will without delay recommend to the General proper Persons for that Post. — They must be

man of Probity, good accountants, methodical and write a good hand. — Henry Livingston Esqr. is appointed Lieutenant to his Excellency's Guards. —

Head Quarters, June 3.d 1777.

Regimental Surgeons are not to send any of their Sick to the Hospitals without first obtaining a certificate from the Surgeon General or one of his deputies for that purpose

It having been represented to the General that commanding officers of Corps have seized and confined Commissaries at their pleasure in common Guard-houses; he thinks it necessary to declare that a practice so irregular and injurious cannot be tolerated.

At the same time he means not to countenance any neglect of duty in the Commissaries, but will be ready to attend to whatever complaints may be justly made against them, to rectify the abuses they commit, and punish their delinquency. — No Horses to be let loose into the Wheat or other Fields about Camp, unless pointed out, and

devoted to the Purpose by the D. M. G. — Brigadiers to see the orders for the arrangement of Officers Tanks are immediately complied with, by appointing a day for the Field-Officers of each Regim.t to take it up. — The General is surprized and sorry, to find that a matter about which so much anxiety and embarrasment hath been expressed; when put upon a proper footing to be adjusted, meets with Neglect & delay. —. The Generals, Field Officers, & Brigade-Major of the day will be expected to favor his Excellency with their company to dine, as a standing rule without particular Invitation. —

Head-Quarters. June 4th 1777

The Musick of the Army being in general very bad it's expected that the drum and Fife-Majors will exert themselves to improve it, or they will be reduced and their extraordinary pay taken from them. — Stated hours to be assigned and the drums and Fifes of each Regim.t to attend and practice. — As nothing is more agreable and ornamental than good Musick every officer for the credit of his own Corps should take care to provide it. — The Reveille to beat at day-

break, the troop at O'Clk in the Morning & the Retreat at Sunset. — For the sake of regularity the drums of the Regimt. on the right of the line will give three taps (allowing a sufficient equal space of time between each) as a warning for the drums of the one next on the left, which will do the same, & so throughout the whole; the Regt. of the 2d. Line taking it by the right from the Regt. in the front, and the advanced Brigades by the Regiments in their rear. — Three taps over and a proper interval allow'd for the warning to become general, the drummer's call is to be given as a signal of what will follow; & then the Musick of the whole line to begin in concert the Reveille, troop or retreat, as it may happen.

The same complaint has been made to the General respecting the abuse of Quarter Masters which was mention'd in yesterday's Orders relative to Commissaries. — An end must be put to all such irregular conduct — Misbehaviour in their department must be punished, but it ought to be done in a proper manner.—

The Army to be immediately furnished with four days Provisions. —.

Head Quarters, June 5th 1777.

Major General for tomorrow. — Green
Brigadier . . . . . Scott
Field Officers. Col. Dayton & Majr. Heth
Brigade Major . . . . . Johnson.

The following Officers for daily duty - a Maj. Genl. Brigadr. two Field Officers and a Brigade Major

The Major General of the day is in some instances to represent the commander in chief. He is to give directions for all Guards parties and detachments; to receive reports of their proceedings and of every occurrence of any importance in or out of Camp. — All Deserters and Prisoners (other than for military offences) to be brot to him for examination and disposed of by him. — Reinforcements arriving, to be reported to him and to take his orders.

He is to superintend the regulation of the Camp and the execution of all general orders; for which purpose he should visit the whole lines if not absolutely prevented by other duties. & report to the Commander in chief what from his observations he may think necessary to be done for the better regulation of the Camp. — He

Extract of Orders by his Grace the Duke of Cumberland. ——— Flanders. Anno.—

Regulations for doing duty.

1. In all Cases of duty whether with or without arms, Picquetts or Court martial, the tour of duty shall be from the eldest downwards.

Of duties of Honor.

2. The first is the King's Guards, 2d those of the royal Family. 3d the Captain General or Field-Marshal commanding the Army 4th Detachments of the Army and Out-Forts. 5th General Officers Guards. 6th The ordinary guards either in Camp or Garrison. 7th The Pickets 8th General Courts Martial and duties without Arms or of Fatigues.

3. An Officer who is upon duty cannot be ordered for any other before the duty he is upon is finish'd; except he be upon the Picket.

4. If an Officers turn of duty happens when he is upon the Picquet he shall be immediately releaved and go upon that duty and his turn of the Picquet shall pass him altho he should not have been upon it a Quarter of an hour.

5. If an officers tour of the Picquet, General Court Martial or duties of Fatigue happens when he is upon any other duty, he shall not make good that Picquet, Court Martial or Fatigue when he comes off but his turn shall pass — And in like manner if he should be upon a General Court Martial or duty of fatigue and that his tour for Guard or detachment should happen, the Guard or detachment shall pass him and he shall not be obliged to make it good.

6. The Officers and Men of the Grenadiers Company shall not be put on any duty, but Camp duties, except the Grenadiers shall be detached.

7. No Major of Brigade to be detached but at his Brigade.

8. No Adjutant to be detached but with his Brigade or Battalion.

9. Guards or detachments which have marched off are to be reckoned tho' they should be dismissed immediately after.

10. General Courts Martial which have assembled and the Members sworn in shall be reckoned tho' they should be dismissed without trying any Person.

11. The King's Standard or Colours in the Guards cannot be carried to any guard but on his Majesty. ——.

12. The first Standard, Guedion, or Colours of Regiment is not to be carried but that on his Majesty, the Queen, the Prince of Wales, or Captain General, and except in this Case it shall always remain in the Regiment.

Orders for parading of Guards in Quarters or Garrison.

13. The troop to beat at in the Morning —

14 The Men to be marched in form by the Adjutants from their regimental Parades to the general Parade.

15. The Regiment that gives the Main-Guard to give the Adjutant of the day.

16. The Adjutant of the day to see the Files compleated.

17. The Town-Major (or the officer who is appointed to do the duty of the Town-Major) to see the Guards told off, ordering the whole to rest and order their Firelocks. —

18. The Field-officer of the day to be upon the Parade at the Mounting of the Guards.

19. As soon as the Guards are told off, the short troop is to beat upon which the officers are to draw for their Guards by lott (except the Main Guard) and then to take their Posts facing the Men.

20. When the short troop is ended, the whole Parade is to rest and shoulder and upon the Ruffle the Officers are to go to their proper front.

21. If there be a guard which mounts with colours the Captain is then to send for them in form. The Ensign advancing his Spantoon posts himself at the head of the detachment which is to go for the Colours, and the Captain having ordered the detachment to poize and rest their Firelocks, orders him to march, the drummers beating the Troop when the Ensign comes to the place where the Colours are, he orders the detachment to fix their Bayonets and present their Arms, the drums beating a point of War, As soon as the Colours are handed to the Ensign he then orders them to rest their Bayonets and troops his detachment to the Parade, when he come to one of the Flanks of the Parade he is to face his detachment to the right or left, the Men marching between the Ranks and the Ensign in the front of the Line of officers each of whom are to pay the honours respect to the colours by pulling off their hats as they pass, he comes to the Center of his Guard. The

Detachment being come to their Ground, the Capt.ⁿ orders them to unfix their Bayonets and shoulder. —

22. When the Colours are come near the Parade, the Town-Major orders the whole to rest their Firelocks continuing in that posture and the drums of the several Guards beating the March, till the Ensign with the colours has taken his post — The Major then orders the whole to shoulder — The Town Major having acquainted the Field officer of the day that all is compleate and receivd his orders for the Guards to march, He proceeds and gives directions to each Guard to march off — If the Parade is narrow the Town-Major will order the ranks to close before the Guards march off.

23. When a guard or detachment with Arms passes by any guard, that Guard is to be under Arms: And if the Guard or detachment which is marching by, beats their drum, the other is to do the same with rested Arms.

24. When the retreat beats all guards are to be under Arms at which time the officers are to examine the Arms and Ammunition.

25. The Capt.ⁿ is every Evening to order the Ensign to lodge the Colours regularly in the Guard-room — the

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Serjeants with arms advanced accompanying him and the Guard resting their Firelocks, but the drummers not to beat — In the morning the colours are to be brot to the head of the Guard in the like manner.

26. The Tatoo to beat at 9 oClock at Night.

27. Officers to go their rounds regularly every Night, mentioning in the rapot next Morning at what time each officer went his rounds.

28. All Guards to be trooped back regularly to the Parade, and there dismissed except Guards that mount with Colours which are to be marchd back to the Parade and after the Colours are properly lodged to be dismissed there, when the detachment is returnd.

29. Officers upon Guard are frequently to call over the roll and see that their Men are constantly alert.

30. An officer is always to be present when the relief of the Centinels is called over.

31. All officers are to take Notice of the manner of the Men's doing duty, and if they see any Centinel negligent on his Post, or without his Arms, are to reprimand him or rapot him to the officer of the Guard he belongs to (altho the Man should not belong to that par-

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